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SUBJECT: ENERGY AGREEMENT: INFORMATION EXPERTS' MEETING

REF: A) MOSCOW 6258; B) STATE 23469

1. U.S. TEMPORARY JOINT GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ENERGY INFORMATION AND FORECASTING INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING WITH SOVIET COUNTERPARTS FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

A. JOINT STUDY OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ENERGY GROWTH AND ECONOMIC GROWTH. LEAD AGENCY - FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION. SPECIFICS MIGHT INCLUDE: MORE PRECISE IDENTIFICATION OF COSTS OF CONSERVING ENERGY, END-USE SECTOR EVALUATION TO DETERMINE FUEL TRADE-OFFS, INCORPORATION OF ENERGY INPUTS INTO ECONOMIC GROWTH PLANNING MODELS,
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DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY OF SOVIET ECONOMIC GROWTH

PLANNING MODELS TO ASSESS A COMPETITIVE MARKET (AND VICE VERSA).

B. SEMINAR ON FORECASTING METHODOLOGIES. LEAD AGENCY - FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION. SPECIFICS MIGHT INCLUDE: SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES IN U.S. AND U.S.S.R. FORECASTING METHODOLOGY, STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF VARIOUS MODELS, ROLE OF WORLD PRICE IN ENERGY FORECASTS, EVALUATION

OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND ELASTICITIES. U.S. SIDE WOULD PRESENT PAPER ON FORECASTING METHODOLOGIES DEVELOPED FOR PROJECT INDEPENDENCE BLUEPRINT AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SIMILAR SOVIET PAPER ON METHODOLOGY INVOLVED IN ENERGY FORECASTS OF FIFTEEN YEAR PLAN.

C. PANEL DISCUSSION BY EXPERTS FROM THE TWO SIDES ON THE METHODOLOGY OF DETERMINING PROBABLE OIL AND GAS RESOURCES. LEAD AGENCY - FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION. METHODOLOGY FOR DETERMINING PROVEN GAS AND OIL RESERVES WELL ESTABLISHED; THERE ARE, HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF METHODOLOGIES FOR EVALUATING PROBABLE (UNDISCOVERED) OIL AND GAS RESOURCES INCLUDING: STRAIGHT VOLUMETRIC, GEOLOGIC BASIN ANALYSIS, PROBABILISTIC EXPLORATION/ENGINEERING ANALYSIS, ANALYSIS OF HISTORICAL PRODUCTION AND DISCOVERY DATA, ANALYSIS OF DISCOVERY INDEX.

D. JOINT STUDY OF OPTIMAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS FOR DELIVERY OF FUEL AND ENERGY TO DEMAND CENTERS. LEAD AGENCY - FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION. SPECIFICS MIGHT INCLUDE: IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING MODELS, DETERMINATION OF NEW DEMAND ON TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES NEEDED FOR NEW FUEL/ENERGY SITES, IMPROVEMENTS OF FORECASTS FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT REQUIRED, AND METHODS OF CHOOSING OPTIMAL SOLUTION.

E. SEMINAR ON NATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION POLICIES. LEAD AGENCY - FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION. SPECIFICS MIGHT INCLUDE: DEMAND RESTRAINT PROGRAMS, SECTORAL ANALYSIS OF POTENTIAL ENERGY SAVINGS, COSTS OF ENERGY CONSERVATION.

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2. EMBASSY REQUESTED CONVEY LIST OF SUBJECTS TO SOVIETS AT MEETING MAY 13 OR 14 IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST CONTAINED PARA 2 REFTEL A.

3. U.S. MEMBERS OF TEMPORARY JOINT GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INFORMATION AND FORECASTING WAS CONTAINED IN STATE 23469 AND IS STILL VALID.

4. AN EARLY SOVIET RESPONSE ON SCHEDULING OF MEETING OF INFORMATION/FORECASTING EXPERTS IS NECESSARY IF MEETING IS TO TAKE PLACE THIS SPRING. ONLY POSSIBLE TIME FOR MOST U.S. MEMBERS IS SECOND HALF OF JUNE. SHOULD SOVIETS BE UNABLE TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THIS PROPOSAL, IT APPEARS THAT OTHER EXPERT GROUP MEETINGS AND SUBSEQUENT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING MAY HAVE TO BE DEFERRED TO LATER IN YEAR. KISSINGER

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